



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Distribution of Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On November 30, 2012, the Department of Labor (DOL) will submit the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) sponsored information collection request (ICR) titled, "Distribution of Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed," to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 31, 2012.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site,

<http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, as of December 1, 2012, or by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-ETA, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503, Fax: 202-395-6881 (this is not a toll-free number), email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

AUTHORITY: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Distribution of Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed Report, Form ETA-203, is a once a month snapshot of the demographic composition of the claimant population. The information is based in each State on the universe or a sample of those who file a claim in the week containing the 19th of the month, which reflects unemployment experienced during the week containing the 12th. This corresponds with the Current Population Survey sample week used by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Aggregate data is collected on the items gender, race/ethnic group, age, industry, and occupation. This report is the only source of current, consistent demographic information (age, race/ethnic, sex, occupation, industry) on the Unemployment Insurance (UI) claimant population. These characteristics identify important claimant cohorts for legislative, economic and social planning purposes, and evaluation of the UI program on the Federal and State levels.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information if the collection of information does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control Number 1205-0009. The current approval is scheduled to expire on November 30, 2012; however, it should be noted that existing information collection requirements submitted

to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. For additional information, see the related notice published in the Federal Register on August 13, 2012 (77 FR 48174).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the ADDRESSES section by December 31, 2012. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1205-0009. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: DOL-ETA.

Title of Collection: Distribution of Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0009.

Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 53.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 636.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 212.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

Dated: November 21, 2012.

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